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This report consists of: two detailed sketches of the Riga port area [REDACTED] and three additional sketches.

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Legend to Sketch No. 1:

1. Three submarines, [REDACTED] 25X1
2. Military transport vessel, [REDACTED] this ship had two guns forward of the bridge and one gun aft of the bridge [REDACTED] 25X1
3. A breakwater which does not appear on the Admiralty Chart of Riga. Alongside the breakwater, there were about 40 MTBs, [REDACTED] Each MTB was equipped with a torpedo tube on each side; the tube was located half in the deck and half in the plating (see sketch No. 3). 25X1
4. The pilot boat, which was a small unarmed motorboat [REDACTED] 25X1
5. An obstruction net consisting of beams chained together; in the center of the net there was an opening about 40 meters wide.
6. A naval vessel [REDACTED] The ship had one mast with a radar installation which resembled a cheese cover (see sketch No. 4). 25X1
7. A drydock, in which there was a freighter of about 5,000 tons. There were no cranes on the drydock; however, there were three cranes on shore in the immediate vicinity.
8. A small drydock of about 400 tons. The dock was empty and it was not equipped with cranes.

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9. [redacted] 25X1
10. [redacted] the naval base harbor [redacted] 25X1

Legend to Sketch No. 2:

1. Military airfield, which is considerably larger than it appears to be on the Admiralty Chart. [redacted] aircraft at the airfield: six small, single-engined, propeller-driven biplanes; six twin-engined transport planes; and about 40 aluminum-colored jet aircraft with swept-back wings. On one or two of the jet aircraft, [redacted] a round bulge of non-transparent material shaped like a bomb bay. [redacted] was located on the front under-surface of the fuselage, at the cross point of the fuselage and the wings. [redacted] a great deal of air activity from about 0600 hours until dark; no formation flying [redacted] 25X1
2. A runway about 40 to 50 meters wide on the airfield; it extended in a north-northwesterly direction. There were two MIGs, painted grey-white, parked next to each other on the runway. At night there were white lights along the runway. 25X1
3. A second runway about 40 to 50 meters wide on the airfield; it extended in a northeasterly direction. There were two MIGs, painted gray-white, parked next to each other on the runway. 25X1
4. Two or three buildings. [redacted] one of the buildings was a traffic tower because signals were given by white lights from this building at night, and [redacted] aircraft taxi to this point. 25X1
5. Trees. 25X1
6. Cement works; a large complex of factory buildings with at least three chimneys, each of which was 40 to 50 meters high. White smoke was emitted from the chimneys [redacted] 25X1
7. Probably a testing installation for jet engines. [redacted] a very loud noise from this point; [redacted] the sound was that of a jet aircraft engine but much stronger. 25X1
8. Export dock [redacted] (see sketch No. 5 for a profile of this dock). There were two rail lines and one crane line on the dock. All the lines were flush with the dock surface, and one of the rail lines was located between the crane line. There were also about ten sheds in two rows of five each on the dock. Each shed was about 100 meters long, and 12 meters high. There were also about 20 cranes on the dock, each with a lifting capacity of three to five tons [redacted] 25X1
9. A large cold storage building, which was partially gray concrete and partially gray-yellow brick. The building was approximately 100 to 125 meters long, 30 to 40 meters wide, and 15 meters high. The building had cellars, about five or six meters deep, in which meat was stored by means of an elevator. On the east side of the building there was a loading platform where railway cars were loaded. [redacted] the temperature inside the building was 14 degrees below zero, centigrade. 25X1
10. A pier, which was used as a storage place for metals and rails. There were three or four electric cranes on the pier; the cranes moved along rails. (Profile of this pier was similar to the one shown in sketch No. 5)
11. A pier, which was used as a storage place for coal. On this pier there was a large so-called electric parallelogram crane (sic).
12. A large warehouse, which was approximately 120 meters long, 30 meters wide, and six meters high. It was a brown-red brick building with a roof of sheet metal; in the center of the building there was an office for the stevedores.


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13. A warehouse, approximately 175 to 200 meters long, 30 meters wide, and 12 meters high. The customs office and a medical aid station were located in this building.
14. Military hospital; this was a three-story building with a guard post at the entrance.
- 15 & 16. Harbor area enclosure, which consisted of a high fence; a guard house was located at the exit.
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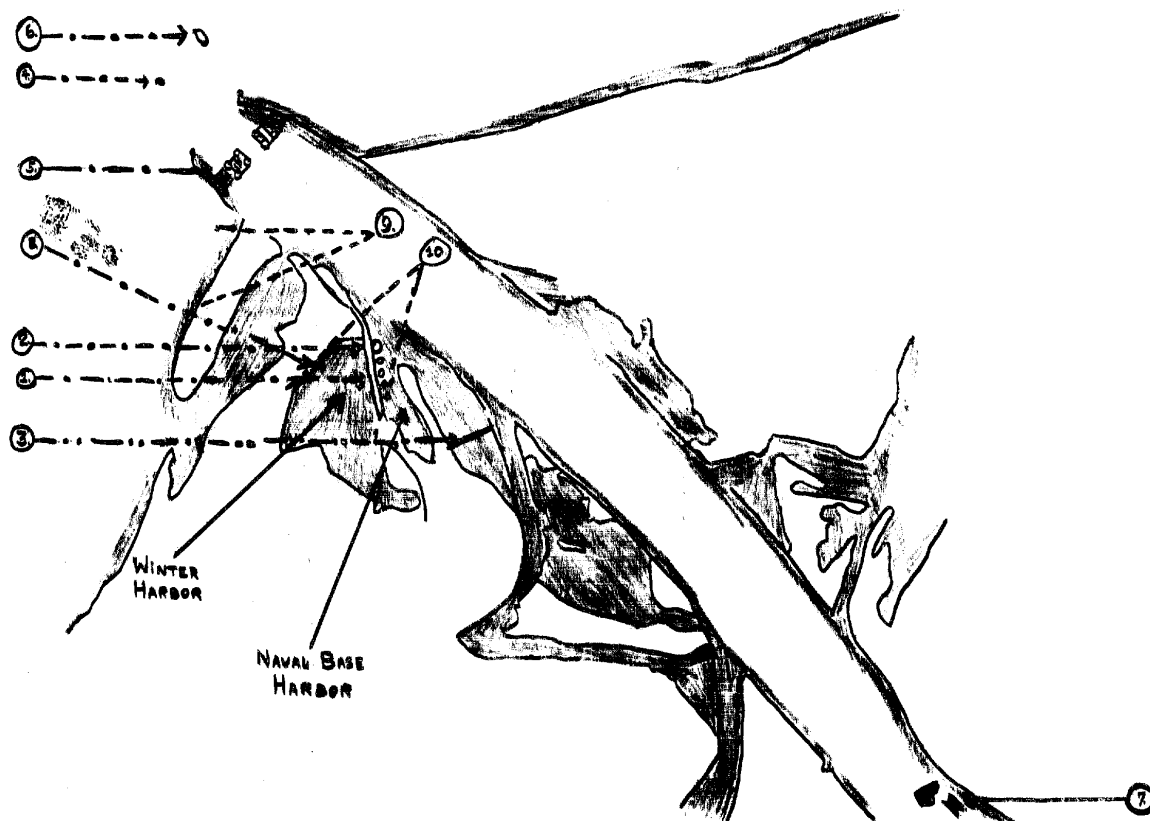
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Sketch No. 1:  
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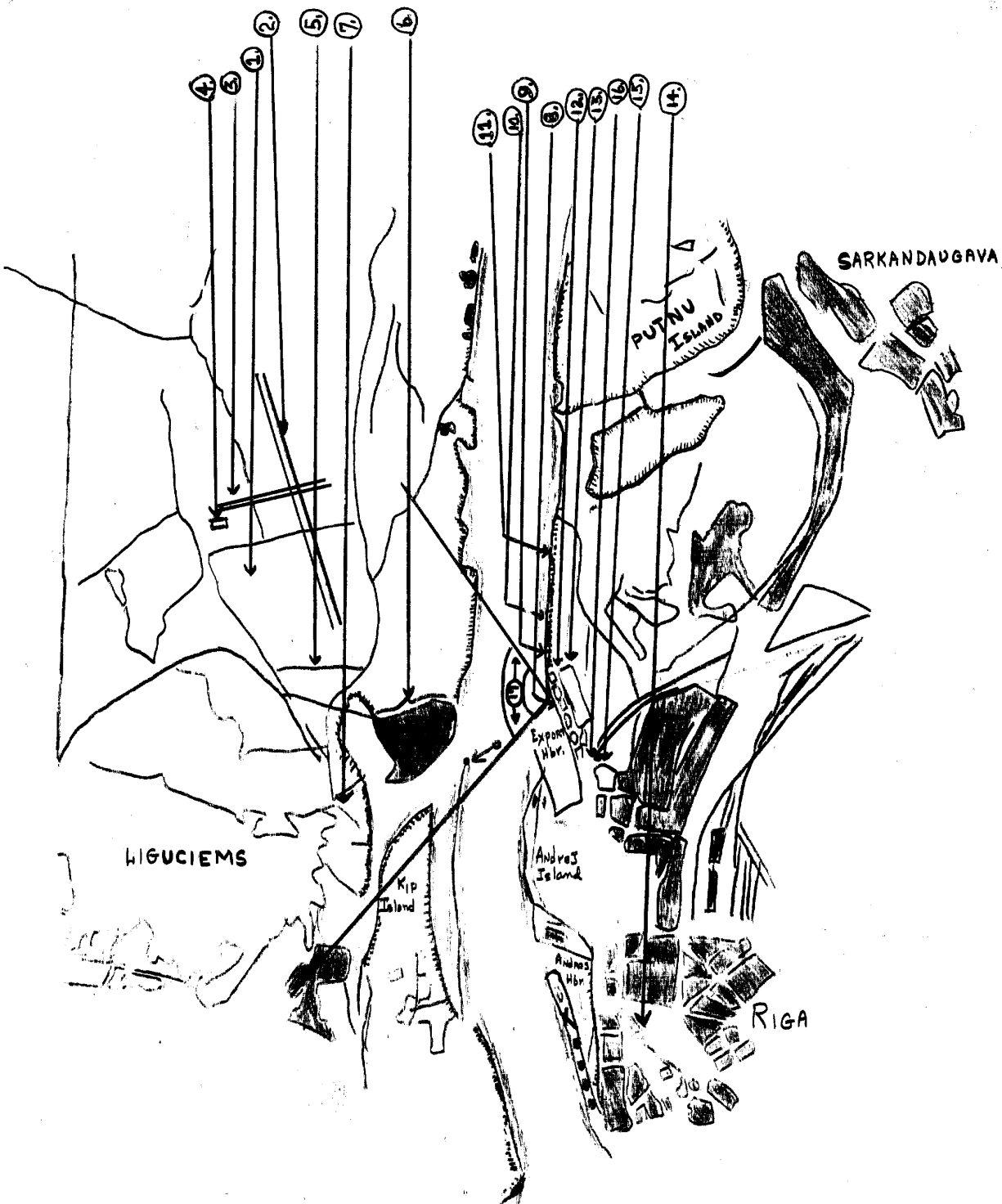
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Sketch No 2:  
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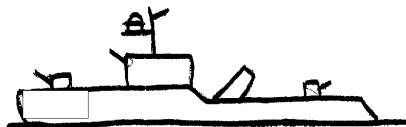
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Soviet MTB:



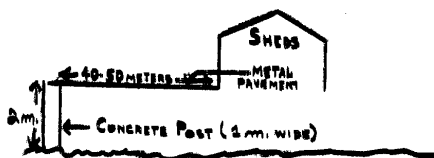
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Soviet Vessel

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Sketch No. 5:  
Profile of Export Dock:



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